

In the Chair: Councillor K. Dunleavy

**ATTENDANCE**

A	Cllr. I. Bell	A	Cllr. D. Johnson
P	Cllr. M. Bramley	P	Cllr. S. Lamb
P	Cllr. M. Cooper	A	Cllr. R. Shaw
P	Cllr. K. Dunleavy		
A	Cllr. J. Gethin		

Clerk: Mrs Judith Giles

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr. R. Shaw, Cllr. J. Gethin and Cllr. I Bell.

**2. TO ELECT CHAIRMAN FOR MEETING**

In the absence of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman Cllr. M. Cooper proposed Cllr. K. Dunleavy as Chairman of this meeting

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. M. Cooper

**SECONDED:** Cllr. M. Bramley

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2007 were agreed and signed as a true record subject to the amendment of the numbering.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. M. Bramley

**SECONDED:** Cllr. S. Lamb

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Personal – Cllr. M. Cooper – Marie Louise House; Cllr. M. Bramley, Chamber of Commerce

Pecuniary - None

**5. ARCHIVIST REPORT**

Barbara Burbridge provided a verbal report regarding LTVAS activities.

***'Suitcase' Inventory***

The suitcase inventory is now in draft form. Six archival storage boxes have been obtained from the Hampshire Record Office for a total cost of £21, and the suitcase contents are to be allocated to appropriate boxes. The inventory includes records of the Romsey Borough Burial Ground, Charter Souvenirs, Romsey Abbey, Twinning and many other pictorial pieces of Romsey. It was agreed that recent Charter memorabilia should be included in the relevant box.

### ***The Palmerston Statue***

A leaflet about this statue is being prepared for the Town Hall, and will be made available for visitors making enquiries about it. A report will be given at the next meeting regarding the feasibility of a plaque being inserted in the pavement alongside the statue; suitable wording for the plaque should not include reference to the mace pole, although this will be mentioned in the leaflet.

### **6. CHARTER 2007**

The Town Clerk reported that the Charter Celebrations were heading into their last month (September 2007). The calendar of events for September includes the exhibition of the children's art competition in Kings John's House 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September in the Town Hall. The second mulberry tree is to be planted in Cupernham Ward at 11.00a.m. on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2007, accompanied by Romsey Old Cadets Band. 29<sup>th</sup> September - Romsey Abbey is the host for Come and Sing – Elijah. The third mulberry tree is to be planted in Abbey Ward at 2.30p.m, followed by the Hampshire Caledonian Pipe Band leading a procession to the United Reform Church for the Charter 2007 Closing Civic Service at 3.15p.m.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk will write to D.N. White - Opticians and Oasis Christian shop to thank them for the wonderful Charter displays in their windows throughout the Charter celebrations. Also a letter of thanks will be sent to Alex McArdle for displaying in Oasis shop window an array of woollen exhibits.

### **7. VISIT BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH**

The Town Clerk gave a brief outline of the success of this event. The photo exhibition held in the Town Hall 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> August included photographs taken by the public. This was a huge success and attracted a lot of visitors.

### **8. STATUS OF TOWN ACTIVITIES**

#### **Seats**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 07/14**

It was **RESOLVED** to include a budget item in the 2008/9 budget for the maintenance and updating of the town seats

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. K. Dunleavey

**SECONDED:** Cllr. M. Cooper

#### **CARRIED**

The Town Clerk will investigate the insurance cover currently in place for the seats which Romsey Town Council are responsible for and also furnish the Committee with a street map detailing where the seats are located. A report will be given at the next meeting.

#### **Land at The Star**

The Town Clerk reported that herself and Cllr. J. Gethin attended a meeting with Peter McVean, Footners, Solicitors. At this meeting Mr. McVean confirmed that the deeds to this land were given to Romsey Town Council in 2001. The Town Clerk will locate said Deeds and report back to the next meeting to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

**Kissing Gate**

**RESOLUTION NO. 07/15**

It was **RESOLVED** to go ahead and repair kissing gate.

PROPOSED: Cllr. S. Lamb

SECONDED: Cllr. M. Cooper

**CARRIED**

**Church Place**

The proposed responsibility for the bollards in Church Place being transferred from Hampshire County Council to Romsey Town Council will be an Agenda Item for the next Full Council meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2007

**9. HAMPSHIRE STREET LIGHTING PRIVATE FINANCE INITIATIVE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 07/16**

It was **RESOLVED** to go ahead with the Hampshire Street Lighting Private Finance Initiative detailed in letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> June 2007 from Hampshire County Council

PROPOSED: Cllr. M. Cooper

SECONDED: Cllr. S. Lamb

**CARRIED**

**10. RESOLUTION NO. 07/17**

It was **RESOLVED** to award the following Grants:-

Victim Support Hampshire & Isle of Wight - £250.00 (Charities Act 1993 S.79)

The Romsey Forum - £300 (Charities Act 1993 S.79)

Marie-Louise House – Nil

Romsey Disability Forum - £300 (Charities Act 1993 S.79)

HomeStart - £250.00 (Charities Act 1993 S.79)

Chamber of Commerce - £1,000 (LGA 1942 s.144)

The Sea Cadets - £325.00 (for leaflets) (Section 19 LG (Misc. Prov.) Act 1976

Romsey 2020 – Nil (£4,000 already granted in 2007)

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. S. Lamb

**SECONDED:** Cllr. K. Dunleavy

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11. RE-NAMING OF ROUNDABOUT ON THE BYPASS**

It was **AGREED** to delay decision on the re-naming of the roundabout on the bypass until the next financial year 2008/9.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank you Letters from Arthritis Care and The Samaritans

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 9.13p.m.